

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams
DATE:	26 February 2026 6.45 pm
ATTENDEES:	Deborah Palmer, Chairperson (DP) Mira Speer, Principal Community Dendrobium Mine (MS) Simon Thomas, General Manager Dendrobium Mine (ST) Franca Facci, Community Representative (FF) Ben Speer, Community Representative (BS) Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB) James Newton, Community Representative (JN) Tony Morris, Community Representative (TM) Craig Hicks, Community Representative (CH)
Apologies:	Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB)

1	Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acknowledgement of Country • Acceptance of last meeting minutes (November 2025) • Review actions from previous meeting minutes • Accounts Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Statement from Daley for the period ending 31 January 2026 • New Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wests Illawarra Hockey Club - Mount Kembla Public School - Wests Illawarra Junior Rugby League - Mount Kembla Rugby League Football Club • Strategic Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Strategic Plan • General Business: • Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 12 May 2026
2	Welcome / Apologies DP opened the meeting at 6.45 pm and provided an Acknowledgement of Country. Noted, apologies AB.
3	Previous Meeting Minutes Meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 November 2025 were discussed. MS noted an amendment needed for the Figtree Australian Football Club; the grant was for \$15,000, not the noted \$10,000 in the previous actions. The amendment and meeting minutes were accepted and moved by TM, seconded FF.

4	New Applications
	<p>1. <u>West's Illawarra Hockey Club</u></p> <p>An application was received from West's Illawarra Hockey Club requesting \$20,000 to support junior playing equipment, a specialist development program, and to subsidise registration and turf hire costs.</p> <p>The board discussed the application, which centred around supporting infrastructure and longer-lasting equipment. The DECP members suggested supporting the purchase of the Bola Hockey Machine up to \$5,000, and or equipment to an equivalent value</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed the West's Illawarra Hockey Club application for \$5,000 to put towards the purchase of a Hockey Machine and or equipment to an equivalent value</p> <p>Action: MS to advise West's Illawarra Hockey Club that their application was endorsed for \$5,000</p> <p>2. <u>Mount Kembla Public School</u></p> <p>An application was received from Mount Kembla Public School requesting \$70,053.50 for an outdoor awning and a multi-use basketball/netball court.</p> <p>The board discussed the proposal in detail. Some of the discussion focused on prioritising more practical learning equipment and resources over additional school infrastructure, particularly given that only one quote had been provided.</p> <p>As a result, the application has been placed on hold until the next meeting in May. During this time, the school can obtain a second quote and consider if other requests may have higher priority for the students.</p> <p>The DCEC did not endorse the \$70,053.50 request at this time but will reconsider the application at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Mount Kembla Public School that their application is on hold until the next meeting, and request that they obtain a second quote and consider whether there is a higher-priority project to submit.</p> <p>3. <u>West's Illawarra Junior Rugby League</u></p> <p>An application was received from West's Illawarra Junior Rugby League requesting \$10,000 to support girls' development in a tackle rugby league pathway program</p> <p>The board discussed the project and agreed it was a worthy program, especially with engaging young girls in sport; however, supporting things like registrations and apparel were seen to be less desirable due to their being consumables.</p> <p>The DCEC endorsed West's Illawarra Junior Rugby League's application for \$3,000 to put towards the pathway program supporting the coaching and development course and the tackle training equipment</p> <p>Action: MS to advise West's Illawarra Junior Rugby League that their application was endorsed for \$3,000</p> <p>4. <u>Mount Kembla Rugby League Football Club</u></p> <p>An application was received from Mount Kembla Rugby League Football Club requesting \$6,500 to support the purchase of a BBQ, Fridge, Line marking machine, Gazebos and first aid equipment.</p> <p>The application outlined the community benefits of supporting the application, suggesting that other sporting groups and community members can share the space and facilities.</p> <p>The DCEC were all supportive of the project and as a result endorsed Mount Kembla Rugby League Football Club for \$6,500 to go towards the purchase of a BBQ, Fridge, Line marking machine, Gazebos and First Aid.</p> <p>Action: MS to advise Mount Kembla Rugby League Club that their application was endorsed for \$6,500</p>
5	Strategic Plan
	<p>A draft of the Strategic Plan has been completed and discussed. DP to amend the document and share with all members</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP to share the amended strategic plan
5	General Business

	It was noted that including the organisation's name at the beginning of document titles would assist members when documents are distributed.
6	Actions
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MS to amend previous minutes to reflect the amendment to the Figtree Australia Football Club grant2. MS to advise Wests Illawarra Hockey Club that their application was endorsed for \$5,0003. MS to advise Mount Kembla Public School that their application is on hold until the next meeting, and request that they obtain a second quote and consider whether there is a higher-priority project to submit4. MS to advise Wests Illawarra Junior Rugby League that their application was endorsed for \$3,0005. MS to advise Mount Kembla Rugby League Club that their application was endorsed for \$6,5006. DP to share the amended strategic plan
7	Close of Meeting
	Close of meeting at 8.01 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting 12 May 6.30 pm, Dendrobium meeting room